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*by Susan Koshy, JD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer*

Dear PAACS Family,

Happy Birthday PAACS. We celebrated 26 years as a ministry on February 14th, Valentine's Day. How appropriate that PAACS was birthed on the day deemed as the "day for love.". PAACS was born out of the love and compassion of God for the people of Africa.

The past two and a half decades of PAACS have seen much growth and change in this ministry. We have graduated 126 surgeons and are presently training 123 residents in 21 programs in nine countries in Africa. ONLY GOD could have orchestrated the partnerships, supporters, residents, faculty, leadership, and finances for this type of evolution of this ministry over 26 years. All of this is done by God out of a great love for His children and to ensure that the poor and suffering in Africa are not forgotten.

As we move forward into our 27th year, I want to share with you four areas in which we will be focusing our work:

- Strengthening the PAACS spiritual development programs;
- Identifying and providing opportunities for PAACS trainees to become future faculty;
- Creating a professional development program for PAACS faculty to help them become better educators and disciplers;
- Strategically identifying and opening new PAACS training programs in areas in need of a greater surgical workforce and regions with a need for the gospel.

These initiatives are part of the **PAACS Five-Year Strategic Plan** and are areas where we are seeking to improve and strengthen the PAACS offerings and ministry. Even though this strategic plan is a road map forward to help us to grow and become a stronger, healthier ministry that will impact Africa for God's glory, we continue to listen to God and His direction for PAACS. God's word in Proverbs 16:9 says, "*A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.*" We choose to be obedient to follow the steps and the plan of God for us as a ministry to share with the people of Africa. Please continue to pray for us, that we will listen to the Lord and His direction as we move into another year of serving Him.

Blessings,

Susan Koshy, JD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer
Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons

PAACS!



**Basic Science Conference – Brackenhurst
Conference Centre – Limuru, Kenya
February 27 – March 10**

*By Keir Thelander, MD
Executive Vice President*

This year the Basic Science Conference will be held in-person at the Brackenhurst Conference Centre in Kenya. We anticipate 56 residents attending, representing eight out of nine countries with a PAACS program. Unfortunately, those in Madagascar are not able to find reasonable air travel arrangements this year.

The schedule includes the following sessions:

- Daily spiritual teaching from Galatians
- NOTSS (Non-Operative Technical Skills for Surgery)
- Surgical Critical Care Course
- Basic Surgical Skills Course
- Subspecialty Skills Course
- Orthopaedic Workshop
- Trauma Course
- 18 additional teaching sessions

Many PAACS faculty in attendance at this year's conference will be completing the Saline Process, an evangelism tool for healthcare providers.

Please pray for all those travelling, that there will be no logistical issues, everyone will remain healthy, and that it will be a fruitful conference.

PAACS Hall of Faith - Then and Now

by Bruce MadFadyen Jr., MD

Twenty-six years ago, a number of us at the CMDA/CMDE Conference at Brackenhurst resonated with the vision God had given Dr. David Thompson to start training African doctors in Africa to meet the huge need for surgeons in Africa, particularly in rural areas.

This was so clearly God's will that soon Dave launched a residency at his hospital in Gabon. Dr. Gerald Swim, the continuing medical education coordinator for the CMDA/CMDE conference took the responsibility for educational certification, communication, finances, and administration, and I, along with other enthusiastic and eager participants, started notifying our surgical friends - many of whom became involved. In 2006, Dr. Bruce Steffes became the Chief Executive Officer of PAACS, and the number of training programs and residents rapidly increased.



Dr. Jean Claude Bateneni
Graduate, General Surgery
Bongolo Hospital, Gabon
*Currently practicing at Nebobongo
Evangelical Hospital, Democratic
Republic of Congo*

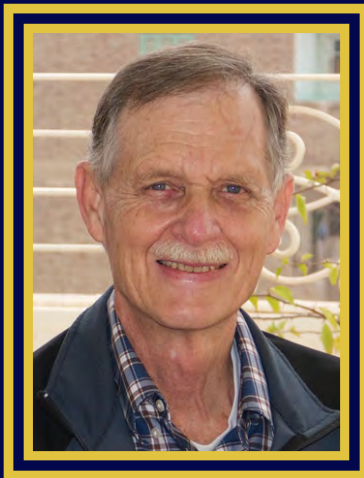
"My residency taught me humility. I learned a lot, and I got to meet so many people who impacted my life. Praying for patients, sharing the gospel, and studying the Bible was unique to my training, where you put God first of everything...I strive to be guided by God in every aspect. My career is joyful with compassion to the needy."



Dr. Audry Banza
Resident, General Surgery
SIM Galmi Hospital,
Niger



"I joined PAACS because of the combination of discipleship and high quality surgical training that promotes compassion and love to the patients. I have learned to be more and more dependent on God. The process of improving in knowledge and skills is God's grace acting in me. I realize the need to apply that knowledge beyond a simple good surgical procedure - to actually communicate to patients the love of Christ by taking time to talk with them and share the gospel."



Dr. David Thompson
PAACS Founder



Dr. Bruce Steffes
Former CEO and CMO of PAACS

This was twenty-six years ago. Today PAACS has 21 surgical and related specialty training programs.

In the last two years, we started two new general surgery residencies in Madagascar and Malawi, as well as programs in anesthesiology, obstetrics/gynecology, and neurosurgery. We would welcome hearing from readers who could serve with us.

How thankful we are to God for how smoothly surgeons from all over the world have worked together and developed PAACS surgical training programs! How grateful we are that all of our 126 graduates have remained in Africa. We are continuing to trust God to provide residency faculty and volunteer faculty for our expanding residencies.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

HOPITALY VAOVAO MAHAFAFY MANDRITSARA, MADAGASCAR



New Surgical Building and White Coat Ceremony at Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly Mandritsara in Madagascar

By Dr. Ted Watts, Program Director at HVMM



On the 14th of January 2022, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Malagasy Minister of Health to HVMM to cut the ribbon and inaugurate our new surgical building. It was a time of great celebration, praising God for His provision of all the resources that we need for this ministry. The regional governor was also in attendance and spoke very warmly of the hospital and its impact in this area. In fact, he humbly requested that we build four more hospitals around the region!



On the same day, we had our **white coat ceremony for our first PAACS residents**, welcoming Dr. Tefy and Dr. Rado into the PAACS family. Both have worked at the hospital prior to PAACS starting and are wonderful young men who love Jesus and want to use the many gifts that He has given them to serve Him and to serve the poor. We thank God for bringing them to this program.



*Faculty in Back Row: Drs. Faniriko, Thiessen, and Watts
New Residents in Front Row: Drs. Tefy and Rado*



The Tenwek PAACS General Surgery Program Update

By Michael Mwachiro, MD

General Surgery Program Director, Tenwek Hospital, Kenya

The beginning of the year is always a much-anticipated period because of the entry of new residents. The Tenwek program recently received its next cohort of first-year residents in January 2022. They are Drs. Brenda Laureen, Linda Thure, Faith Akinyi, and Gael Gahimbare. The four excited new residents have already hit the ground running and are immersed in the daily activities here. In addition, the annual graduation ceremony was postponed due to the impact of COVID-19. The month of December witnessed a wave of COVID infections that were related to the Omicron variant. Since December is always a time of engaging and celebrating with family, the decision was made to delay the graduation until March 2022. The current graduates from the surgery program are Dr. Fadipe Akinyi and Dr. Samuel Odongo. They successfully passed the clinical exams that were held in Nairobi in November 2021. Dr. Fadipe will be staying on to join the Tenwek faculty team.



New Residents: Drs. Gael Gahimbare, Linda Thure, Faith Akinyi, and Brenda Laureen

2021 was a year that was defined by many changes. The ongoing COVID pandemic interrupted many activities and impacted the training activities. In the midst of these issues, there were also some celebrations. Dr. Fridah Bosire won the Gerald O'Sullivan award for being the best candidate in the 2020 FCS exams (that had been delayed to January 2021) and Dr. Mercy Mitei won the award for the highest score on the 2021 MCS exams. We are grateful for the support that we have had from both short-term and long-term faculty. We are also thankful for the new additions to the faculty team. The current core faculty team is composed of Drs. Andrea and Bob Parker, Dr. Sylvester Kimutai, and Drs. Michael and Elizabeth Mwachiro. The specialty training is assisted by Dr. Mike Ganey and Dr. Eric Irungu (Pediatric Surgery), Dr. Will Copeland (Neurosurgery), Drs. Russ White and Arega Fekadu (Cardiothoracic Surgery) and Drs. Cheryl Cowles, Moselle Stark, and Meg Steen (Ob/Gyn), and Drs. Geoffrey Kiprono, Marvin Wekesa and Lydia Lulua (Orthopaedic Surgery).

Despite the ongoing COVID pandemic, surgery residents have been able to continue with their short external rotations. Currently, Dr. Daniel Moenga has travelled to Niger to serve and learn at the PAACS program at SIM Galmi. 2022 is also an election year in Kenya, and we trust that there will be minimal disruptions during that period and peace will be maintained. We are grateful for the continued generous support by various individuals and partners that have continued to sacrifice to impact surgical care on the continent through this training.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

SODDO CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, ETHIOPIA



Graduation at Soddo Christian Hospital

By Dr. David Jeffcoach, Program Director at Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia

This was a momentous year for PAACS Ethiopia. It has been a dream for many years of Dr. Duane Anderson to train orthopaedic surgeons to serve the people of Ethiopia. This would not have been possible without herculean efforts from Drs. Tim Nunn, Samson Tule, Laurence Wicks, Tadesse Esayas, Rick Gardner, Richard Slovek, Tesfaye, Mesfin, Brian Hodges, John Tanksley, and Andrew Chew. This year we celebrate the graduation of our first PAACS Ethiopia orthopaedic resident and fifteenth general surgery resident! We, as a program, want to thank PAACS and everyone else who came alongside us to make this possible.



Drs. Duane Anderson and Temesgen Zelalem



Dr. Tsegaye (front row with cap) with PAACS General Surgery and Ob/Gyn faculty and all current general surgery residents

The day was full of celebration. The morning began in the main hall of the Gutara Cultural Center where we heard an inspiring talk from the CEO of Soddo Christian Hospital, Ephrem Gebresilassie. Dr. Tim Nunn, Orthopaedic Surgery Program Director, presented the PAACS diploma to Dr. Temesgen Zelalem, and Dr. David Jeffcoach, former General Surgery Program Director, presented the PAACS diploma to Dr. Tsegaye Woldegiorgis. It was an emotional time with friends, family, and hospital staff in attendance. After the ceremony concluded, the graduates hosted a large lunchtime celebration where they invited hospital staff, the missionary community, and friends in a demonstration of thanks. They even fed the construction crews working on the new building projects. We concluded the day with a dinner celebration at the Lewi Hotel with more speeches, slide shows, gifts, and open mic. It was a fitting conclusion to the hard work invested by both graduates.



Dr. Temesgen (front row with cap) with PAACS Orthopaedic faculty and current residents.

Dr. Temesgen will continue at Soddo Christian Hospital as our newest orthopaedic surgeon. His skills will be instantly put to work as our third national orthopaedic surgeon for the ever-growing orthopaedic department. We are excited to welcome him as a colleague. Dr. Tsegaye, having grown up in the area, is currently in negotiations with several local hospitals for employment. We look forward to having him nearby for collaboration and to offer him support as he develops his practice.



PAACS NEW RESIDENTS: START TRAINING in 2022

Stay tuned for more new Residents who will be featured in the March issue of the PAACS Bulletin!

Kijabe/CURE - Orthopaedic Surgery



Dr. Surafel Dubale

Ethiopia

"I believe PAACS is a place where Jewels are made; tailored and equipped with knowledge, skill, and spirit to serve the Lord. It is my pleasure to start my Calling journey with PAACS and AIC Kijabe CURE Hospital. Pray for me as I embark on this exciting journey."



Dr. Peter Maina

Kenya

"PAACS offers this unique opportunity to be near to pain and suffering, but with an understanding centered around God's heart. I feel privileged to be part of this journey. I look forward to adding to my faith: goodness, knowledge, self control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. (2nd Peter 1: 5-7)"



Dr. Samson Bedada

Ethiopia

"I believe my purpose in life is service to others. Joining PAACS will definitely help me fulfil my purpose because PAACS has the map for surgical excellence and discipleship. I believe the training I'm receiving at PAACS along with the skills and knowledge I acquire will be multiplied as a greater service to others."





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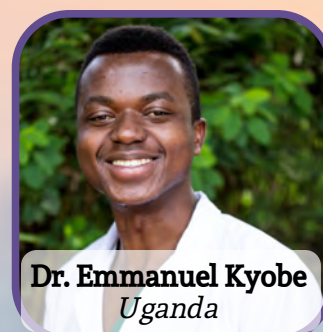
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Malamulo Adventist Hospital, Malawi - General Surgery



"Many African countries have very low surgeon to patient ratios. This leads to improper, inadequate, or lack of care for the countless people who need surgical intervention. My country, Liberia, is not an exception.

I see people dying from common surgical problems, sometimes from complications of a simple surgical procedures improperly performed by a General Practitioner who is the only doctor around and must do something. I'm pursuing surgical training to help patients get better surgical care, thereby saving more lives."



"I had the unfortunate experience of having seen a multitude of patients suffering who need palliative surgery for malignant conditions.

After my training, I would be in a better position to provide my patients with well-rounded surgical and spiritual health as defined by the World Health Organization: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia - General Surgery



"I accepted Christ while I was a second-year medical student. That's when things started to make sense. That's when my life was given a purpose and I have come to believe that more and more. That little passion of helping the sick was fueled by knowing of the root of goodness, Jesus Christ."

Dr. Edomiyas graduated from Haromaya University in Harar in the East of Ethiopia. He heard about PAACS and came to work at Soddo Christian Hospital where he spent countless hours in the OR with the PAACS residents. After observing his character, technical abilities, and devotion to surgery, the faculty were thrilled when he earned a position as a PAACS General Surgery Resident.



"After a successful surgery, the patient praises God for saving their life, and the surgeon will also thank God for guiding him/her through the procedure in which God's mercy and name are glorified. I have always wanted to be part of this amazing triangle where God is the center."

Dr. Kalkidan was drawn to PAACS by watching PAACS graduates care for patients in a technically excellent and personally compassionate way. After watching her grandfather struggle with a heart condition, she was inspired to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.



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Tenwek Hospital, Kenya - General Surgery



Dr. Linda Thure
Kenya

"My desire after completing my PAACS training will be to serve. I strongly feel that I have been called to the mission field, however the specifics of where to serve and in what capacity I am to serve I do not know. My hope is that by the time I have completed my training that God will have connected the dots for me and will guide me on to the next mission field.

I also am passionate about acquiring leadership and administrative skills to assist me to be a better doctor in whatever mission field I am called to. Therefore, if the Lord wills, I will do a Masters degree in Business Administration in Health care."



Dr. Gael Gahimbare
Burundi

"My aspiration is to go back to Burundi to actively participate in the raising up of a sufficient surgical care system serving all the population, even those financially disadvantaged and promoting in it the Christian heart. Participating in the training of other Christian surgeons, as in a PAACS Training Program will be one of my principal purposes."



Dr. Brenda Laureen
Kenya

"The rural setting of Kenya is in desperate need of well-trained skillful surgeons. While working in the Cardiothoracic department in Tenwek Hospital, I interacted with many patients who traversed many counties to seek treatment at our facility. Their account of the hardship they had to undergo was really heartbreaking. I would love to dedicate some years after training to work in a rural hospital to establish and champion for a surgical unit with good facilities. This will also reduce traffic in referral hospitals and alleviate the suffering experienced by such patients."



Dr. Faith Akinyi
Kenya

"I am interested in joining the PAACS training program as I believe this is where I will get the opportunity for high quality surgical training with exceptional surgeons as my mentors. I am also interested in joining this family of Christians that God has blessed with the skills to take exceptional care of their fellow man. I also intend to join this program as an opportunity to stay rooted in the word of God as I pursue academic success."



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BethanyKids Pediatric Surgery Program, Kenya - Pediatric Surgery



Dr. Catherine Jackson-Cole
Sierra Leone

"I have always felt called to serve, and a few years ago, I started the arduous journey of medical school and intern training. During my 4th year in training, I found out we had just one Pediatric surgeon to serve a nation of a little over seven million people. The decision was quick and simple. I had to train to become one. Learning and working beside my mentor and teacher, Dr Aiah Lebbie, a PAACS graduate, only fueled my passion further."



Dr. Muse Freneh
Ethiopia

"In my third year of medical school, I worked with a consultant pediatric surgeon who was trained here at BKKH. I witnessed the excellent knowledge and skills intertwined with the spiritual ministry, and I knew that I wanted to be trained here."

Right after finishing my undergraduate studies, I applied to PAACS Soddo and joined there in January 2020. I stayed there and finished two years of MCS. After that I felt that I needed to follow my dreams and apply to BKKH pediatric surgery program, and thankfully I got accepted."



Dr. Kitheka Stephen
Kenya

"I was born again while in secondary school in form two. Since then, the Lord has been my guide, and it's my everyday prayer that my medical practice will bring him honor and praise. I was motivated to train with PAACS because of their holistic approach training model of the surgeon's whole person; academic, spiritual, and social development. It's always been my passion that as a doctor and a health economist, I will use my knowledge to advance the PAACS mission to bridge the gap in access to surgical services in Kenya and Africa for the poor. I am glad the Lord led me to this path."



Dr. Dimingo Gomez
The Gambia

"In 2013, I had an opportunity to travel to Liberia. I went without hesitation. There I met Jefferson Sibley, The CEO of Phoebe Hospital, who introduced me to PAACS. I applied and in 2016, I was accepted for general surgery training at AIC Kijabe. I graduated in December 2021. I could have trained in other institutions, but I chose PAACS because it was important to me that PAACS trainers and trainees do not see the 'patient' merely as a sick body but try to help the whole person."

Dr. Gomez is continuing his PAACS training in Pediatric Surgery.



M3 Conference 2022

by Keir Thelander, MD
Executive Vice President

While typically an in-person event at Lakewood Church in Houston, TX, this year the M3 conference was held virtually and shortened to a 3-hour Zoom/YouTube/FacebookLive. PAACS Executive Vice President, Dr. Keir Thelander and his wife Joanna spoke at the conference this year. Additional speakers included Tim Mosher, Dr. Nicholas Comninellis, and keynote speaker, Bob Goff.



Keir and Joanna spoke on taking your family to the mission field, "A Family in a Foreign Land". Their time also included a Q&A with Dr. Paul and Jennifer Osteen. Besides serving on the pastoral staff at Lakewood Church, Dr. Osteen is a surgeon who travels 4-5 months every year providing surgical care and medical education to remote and under-resourced countries in sub-Saharan Africa. He visits Mukinge Mission Hospital in Zambia every year, which is being considered for a future PAACS training program!



PAACS PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Matthew Kynes, from the PAACS Anesthesia Program at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, co-authored this article that has been published in The Lancet:

[Paediatric chronic pain prevalence in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#)

PAACS Live

ONLINE WEBINAR




Hear the latest news about how PAACS is impacting Africa by training and discipling African physicians to become surgeons for Christ.

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with Dr. Keir Thelander
PAACS Executive Vice President



PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

US/Canada: Tuesday, March 15, 2022
8:00 PM ET | 7:00 PM CT | 6:00 PM MT | 5:00 PM PT

Special Interviews with:
Dr. Salvador de la Torre and Dr. John Mellinger



Dr. Salvador de la Torre is the Hospital Director of Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Malawi, one of PAACS newest training sites.



Dr. John Mellinger is a part of PAACS Leadership and the Vice President of the American Board of Surgery.

They will be available during the webinar to answer questions.



REGISTER

From the Academic Dean

by John Tarpley, MD
Academic Dean



PAACS's "birthday" is February 14, 1996. The idea and discussions leading up to the launching of PAACS were incubating for years before its "birth". Input from many was sought to address the shortage of surgeons in sub-Saharan Africa, especially in the non-urban, non-capital cities. PAACS founder Dr. David Thompson of Bongolo Hospital in Gabon and colleagues affiliated with faith-based hospitals saw a problem, a challenge, and after prayer and input acted on their vision. We stand on their shoulders.

The West African College of Surgeons (WACS) dates its beginning as 1960. The College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa (COSECSA) dates its launching to 1999 and evolved from the Association of Surgeons of East Africa (ASEA) to incorporate post-graduate surgical training and education.

In an early meeting by the founders of PAACS, surgeons such as Don Meier from Nigeria and others were consulted to obtain input. Their advice was to cooperate and collaborate with the university-based surgical training programs of WACS and the evolving COSECSA rather than to compete with them. PAACS has strong working relationships with COSECSA and WACS.

Two papers* have documented some of PAACS' genesis: Pollock J et al., *World J Surg* (2011) 35:493–499 and Van Essen C et al., *World J Surg* (2019) 43:75–86.

Let us keep the bar high as we practice medicine and surgery with quality and safety.

Happy Birthday PAACS.
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PAACS Academic Dean
February 2022

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KEEPING UP-TO-DATE IN SURGERY

by Margaret Tarpley

[Timeliness of diagnosis of breast and cervical cancers and associated factors in low-income and middle-income countries: a scoping review.](#)

[Exploring digital health interventions for pregnant women at high risk for pre-eclampsia and eclampsia in low-income and middle-income countries: a scoping review.](#)

[Evaluating the feasibility of a web-based discharge education programme to improve general surgical patients' postdischarge recovery: a pilot randomised controlled trial.](#)

[The role of conferences in tackling inequalities.](#)

[International Survey of Medical Students Exposure to Relevant Global Surgery \(ISOMERS\): A Cross-Sectional Study.](#)

[Challenges and solutions to providing surgery in Sierra Leone hospitals: a qualitative analysis of surgical provider perspectives.](#)

[Improving maternal and newborn health services in Northeast Nigeria through a government-led partnership of stakeholders: a quasi-experimental study.](#)

[Impact of surgical management of primary tumors in stage IV breast cancer patients: a retrospective observational study based on SEER database. Surgery was associated with prolonged survival in stage IV breast cancers, but not in patients with TNBC and visceral metastases.](#)

[Operating room efficiency in a low resource setting: a pilot study from a large tertiary referral center in Ethiopia.](#)

[Digital communities of practice: one step towards decolonising global health partnerships.](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Dr. Sherif Hanna, previous Program Director at Harpur Memorial Hospital in Egypt as he prepares for bone marrow transplant surgery.
- Please pray for strength and resolve for the residents of the program at Soddo, Ethiopia, because of the political unrest. Please pray for wisdom and endurance for the faculty as some return to the region. Above all, pray that the Lord would bring lasting peace to the beautiful people of Ethiopia.
- Pray that God will lay the need for short-term surgeons to assist the programs on the hearts of those who are willing to respond. Pray for the resolution of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Africa which continues to interfere with some travel plans.
- Please pray for all new residents who started in January 2022.
- Pray for peace and stability in the PAACS countries, especially for the ongoing tribal unrest and famine in Ethiopia and the recurrent civil unrest in Cameroon.
- Pray for the continued rollout of the Saline Process throughout all the PAACS training sites.
- Pray that PAACS will glorify God and be used to impact Africa for His Kingdom. Pray that many lives will be saved through surgery and many people will come to know the love of Jesus.
- Pray that God will bring His chosen long and short-term missionary and national surgeons to help train African residents in the PAACS training programs.
- Pray for PAACS graduates that are serving God's people. Pray for God's grace, protection, provision, strength, and blessings to cover the PAACS graduates.
- Pray for all the PAACS faculty members and the hospitals – for personal health and safety and for financial viability of the charity hospitals in this tough time.
- Pray for those surgeons who are planning to join PAACS in the next few years – as they complete their residencies or fellowships, as they find a sending agency, as they raise the necessary money, and as they prepare for the major cultural shifts.
- Pray for the PAACS graduates and African nationals who will be preparing to become PAACS faculty, that God would prepare them spiritually and give them direction in all they do.

Prayer Requests for the PAACS Programs at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya:

- Pray for the new residents as they settle in and start their surgery training.
- Pray for the 2022 candidates for both MCS and FCS.
- Pray for the graduating class of 2021 as they seek to serve the Lord in their new stations.
- Pray for the continued sustenance of the program and for the faculty members.
- Pray for the upcoming general elections in Kenya.

PAACS Global Day of Fasting and Prayer

The PAACS Global Day of Fasting and Prayer took place on Zoom on Monday, February 21st. We saw a record number of people register and attend. A total of 81 people from the US and Africa united to come before God's throne and intercede for the ministry of PAACS and all who are involved in it.

Our next Global Day of Fasting and Prayer will take place in June.

If you were unable to attend and would like to pray for PAACS, you can download the prayer points below to use during your own time of prayer and intercession.

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Prayer Points**

